

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Science Advisory Board
Notification of Public Meeting
December 1- 3, 1998

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Environmental Engineering Committee, will meet Tuesday through Thursday, December 1-3, 1998 in Room 3709 of the Mall at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am on December 1st and adjourn no later than 3:00 pm on December 3rd. All times noted are Eastern Time. This meeting is open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning this meeting, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office.

No reviews are being conducted at this meeting. The EEC will consider two draft subcommittee reports for approval. These are the Quality Management Subcommittee's draft report on the implementation of the Agency's quality program and the draft report of the Retrospective Subcommittee on attributes of successful SAB advice. (Copies of these drafts will be available from Ms. Mary Winston, address below.)

The EEC will consider four commentaries currently in preparation to determine whether they should be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration or

ended. The commentaries address measures of technology performance, environmental impacts of natural hazards, waste reuse, and the toxicity characteristic leaching procedures. (Copies of these drafts will be available at the meeting. Contact Ms. Mary Winston, address below, for advanced copies, if available.) EEC members will brief the committee on the progress of proposed commentaries on sources of PM 2.5 and barriers to Pollution Prevention. Members will also have the opportunity to identify other topics for potential commentaries.

The EEC has received written requests for three reviews; Agency staff will provide preliminary briefings on these requests which will enable the EEC to refine the charge and determine the expertise needed for the subsequent reviews. Two requests are from the Office of Research and Development -- Wet Weather Pollution Research and Research on the Natural Attenuation of Contaminants in Ground Water, Soils and Sediments to Support Decisions on Site Remediation and Restoration. The Office of Emergency and Remedial Response is seeking EEC input on whether average or "Not to Exceed" concentrations are most appropriate for the development of cleanup goals at waste sites. (Copies of the requests can be obtained from Ms. Mary Winston, address below. Copies of any hand-outs distributed at the meeting in the course of these briefings will be available subsequently through Ms. Winston.)

Agency staff will brief the EEC on topics of mutual interest including brown fields, environmental justice, industrial ecology, and sediments. The EEC will select FY99 activities, then attend to the practicalities of scheduling and completing the work.

(Copies of any hand-outs distributed at the meeting in the course of these briefings will be available subsequently through Ms. Mary Winston, address below.)

Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting should contact Kathleen White Conway, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Engineering Committee, Science Advisory Board (1400), Room 3702L, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone/voice mail at (202) 260-2558; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via E-mail at conway.kathleen@epa.gov. A copy of the draft Agenda is available from Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 260-2554; fax at (202) 260-7118; or via E-Mail at winston.mary@epa.gov.

Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation to the Committee must contact Ms. Conway in writing (by letter or by fax - see previously stated information) no later than 12 noon Eastern Time, Wednesday, November 25, 1998 in order to be included on the Agenda. Public comments will be limited to ten minutes per speaker or organization. The request should identify the name of the individual making the presentation, the organization (if any) they will represent, any requirements for audio visual equipment (e.g., overhead projector, 35mm projector, chalkboard, etc), and at least 35 copies of an outline of the issues to be addressed or of the presentation itself.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its

meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in *The Annual Report of the Staff Director* which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 260-4126 or via fax at (202) 260-1889. Individuals requiring special accommodation at SAB meetings, including wheelchair access, should contact the appropriate DFO at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Date

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